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## President's Letter

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the 2015-16 President of the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology. We are a professional & occupational health and regulatory licensing group of creative, hands-on business people who support our families & communities by providing outstanding service, innovative style and outright glamour.

Currently there are 26,000+ licensees who have each completed the safety & sanitation exams necessary to protect public health which is required by law and made possible through our mission statement. Education guides our commitment to protecting public health, enables us to fulfill our mission and helps to define who we are to our clients while emphasizing our individuality. It is important to recognize that through education we amplify our ability to safeguard the public as changes and new technologies improve communication and further our skills & expertise.

The accomplishments of our Board and hard-working staff include the website and on-line presence featuring practical, up-to-date and user-friendly toolbars in response to consumer demand for improved content. Our Board office procedures and protocols are streamlined for consumer efficiency including expanded hours of operation, online forms and increased testing availability dates. We are proud that licensees follow sanitation protocols and we encourage voluntary compliance with the laws and regulations that protect our citizens.

We have modernized Infection Prevention terminology within NRS Chapter 644 including proper infection prevention regulations. This standardized language is a keystone to the practical discipline of essential hand-washing and cannot go under-recognized to prevent infections and keep our cosmetology establishments clean & safe.

The portability of licensing has become an economic option for many licensed professionals and three-quarter of the nation's states provide reciprocity agreements to Nevada licensees. I am personally dual-State licensed and am proud that many others demonstrate our fullest potential to safeguard our customers, and that we share our professional standards to protect the public whether or not "home means Nevada" now or in the future.

Today we broadcast our public meetings to further ensure the endeavor of compliance with open meeting law while saving budget dollars derived from the sweat-equity of our licensees. As we continue through this new year let us continue to fulfill the expectations for superior public safety in each community in our great Silver State.